

March 5, 2013

General Law Committee:

Senator Doyle, Representative Baram, Ranking Members and Members of the General Law Committee:

My name is Steven Bruno and I am here to speak against raised bill # 6442. I have held an R-2 Unlimited Journeyman license in the State of Connecticut for more than 25 years. I am a proud member of the Elevator Constructors Local 91 here in Connecticut and currently work for the International Union of Elevator Constructors as a National Organizer.

As a licensed Elevator Constructor in the State of Connecticut, we install, construct, modernize, repair and maintain not only passenger elevators but also freight elevators, dumbwaiters, vertical platform lifts, and vertical reciprocating lifts that "hoist" and or convey material. We as Elevator Constructors take great pride in doing our best to protect not only the "general riding public" but also everyone who works in a factory, warehouse or any type of building that houses any of the equipment I have listed above.

We as Elevator Constructors support our "bona fide" apprenticeship program, registered with the State of Connecticut Department of Labor. This program ensures that our license holders are properly trained, working within state guidelines for code compliance and that we meet or exceeding the OSHA requirements for safety standards in our industry, by doing this we meet the minimum requirements set forth by the State. To change these requirements would jeopardize everyone involved.

I would like to thank the entire committee for allowing me this opportunity to oppose raised bill. # 6442

I would be glad to answer any questions or concerns you may have for me at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven A. Bruno', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Steven A. Bruno